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Applicant: Samuel Ray Locke) Docket No.: 5431.13-1
Serial No.: 09/854,827) Examiner: TBD
Filing Date: May 14, 2001) Art Unit: TBD
For: HIGH-SPEED DATA TRANSFER)
SYSTEM AND METHOD)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

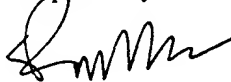
Please add the following paragraph on page 1 under the Title of Invention.

A. This application claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/223,675 filed August 8, 2000 entitled, "High Speed Data Switching Fabric Architecture and Methods."

REMARKS

Applicant believes no fee is due for this Preliminary Amendment. However, the Director is authorized to charge any deficiency fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 13-4900 of Munsch Hardt Kopf & Harr, P.C.

Respectfully submitted,



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